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FOR EUR/EE: AMBASSADOR KAISER

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SCUL, HU, US
SUBJECT: RETURN OF THE CROWN OF ST STEPHEN

1. WHEN THE CHARGE MET WITH BARTHA OF MFA DEC 21, TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ABOUT THE SCHEDULE FOR SECRETARY VANCE AND USDEL, BARTHA MADE A POINT OF REQUESTING THAT THE SECRETARY MEET WITH JANOS KADAR THE MORNING OF JAN 7.

2. BARTHA'S MESSAGE WAS CLEAR: THE GOH WOULD APPRECIATE THE SECRETARY REQUESTING A MEETING WITH KADAR. AT THE SAME TIME, BARTHA'S ACTUAL LANGUAGE WAS OBLIQUE: "SECRETARY VANCE SHOULD REQUEST ANY ADDITIONAL MEETING HE MAY WISH. WE DO NOT SUGGEST ANY SPECIFIC MEETINGS, BUT BELIEVE IT WOULD BE MOST USEFUL IF A CERTAIN MEETING TOOK PLACE. YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN AND I REQUEST YOU REPORT CAREFULLY."

3. WHEN THE CHARGE INFORMED THE MFA OF OUR DESIRE TO SHIFT THE SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH FONMIN PUJA TO JAN 7, THE MFA (REVESZ) REPLIED THAT THE MORNING OF THE 7TH WAS RESERVED FOR ANOTHER MEETING. WE EXPLAINED THAT THE POSSIBILITY OF A SECOND MEETING WAS NOT RULED OUT BY SCHEDULING THE SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH PUJA FROM
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9:00 TO 10:00 A.M. AS WE SUGGESTED.

4. FROM THE BUDAPEST PERSPECTIVE A MEETING WITH KADAR WOULD BE DESIREABLE. IT WOULD GIVE THE SECRETARY A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO FURTHER BILATERAL RELATIONS AND GAIN INSIGHT INTO THE HUNGARIAN SITUATION FROM THE NO. 1 MAN IN HUNGARY. WHAT KADAR

MIGHT SAY ON EAST-WEST RELATIONS AND RELATED ISSUES, SUCH AS EUROCOMMUNISM, MAY BE OF DISTINCT INTEREST TO THE SECRETARY.

5. THE EMBASSY IS, OF COURSE, AWARE OF THE CONSIDERATIONS WHICH THE DEPARTMENT MUST CONSIDER IN CONNECTION WITH THE RETURN OF THE CROWN AND A POSSIBLE MEETING WITH KADAR. WE BELIEVE THAT THE GOH IS ALSO AWARE OF THESE CONSIDERATIONS AND THEREFORE HAS SHOWN RESTRAINT IN NOT SCHEDULING PARTICIPATION BY KADAR IN ANY OF THE ACTIVITIES DIRECTLY CONNECTED WITH THE RETURN OF THE CROWN. WE WOULD APPRECIATE INSTRUCTIONS.

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